

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 are now in the application. Claims 1 and 6-10 have been amended. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claim 11 has been added. Claims 9-10 have been previously withdrawn but are now requested to be rejoined.

In deference to the requirement in item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed is provided.

In items 4-7 on pages 2-3 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1-4 (erroneously stated as claim 1 alone) have been rejected as being anticipated by Kaltenbrunner et al. (US Pat. No. 5,837,555) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

The rejection has been noted and claim 1 has been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application. More specifically, the feature of claim 5 has been added to claim 1.

Since claim 5 contains allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner in item 8 on page 3 of the Office action, claim 1 is now believed to be allowable. Since claims 2-4 are

dependent on claim 1, they are believed to be allowable as well.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 8 on page 3 of the above-mentioned Office action that claims 5-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The feature of claim 5 has been added to claim 1. Claims 7-8 have been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since claim 6 is dependent on allowable claim 1, it is believed to be allowable in dependent form.

Method claim 9 has been amended to include all the limitations of the allowable claim 1 and claim 10 is dependent on claim 9. Rejoinder of method claims 9-10 is therefore requested.

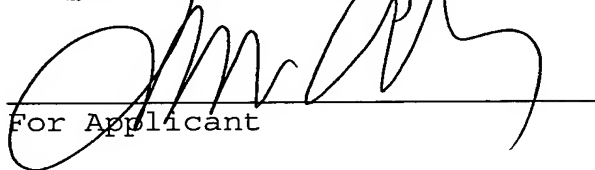
Claim 11 has been added. The support for claim 11 may be found on page 13, lines 11-14 of the specification. Since claim 11 is dependent on allowable claim 1, it is believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-11 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

The fee in the amount of \$84.00 for one extra independent claim in excess of three is enclosed. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,


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